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To: EGORIChev[1]
Reference No.135[a].

Six members of the administration [UPRAVLENIE] of the Third Division [DIVIZION] left Nagaev for San Francisco on 8 January 1943 on the "FELIKS DZERZHINSKIY". 169 members of the crews of the minesweepers "T-111" and "T-112" left Vladivostok for San Francisco on 18 January 1943 on the "BALKhASH". At present the "BALKhASH" is icebound in La Perouse Strait, is being extricated by icebreakers.

The departure of all personnel for the minesweepers has been agreed upon by the United States in Moscow. Command personnel have received passports, junior command personnel and seamen are according to a list. The crews of the minesweepers "T-113" and "T-114" will be sent from Vladivostok to San Francisco in the near future. The documents have been processed.

The remaining crews will be sent after processing of the documents. You will be notified of the time of departure of the crews. Detailed [1 group unrecovered] all necessary [B% instructions] have been given to AKULIN[11]. We have confirmation from him of complete agreement with the Navy Department on all questions. Acquaint yourself with the materials on hand.

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Note: [a] Or No.134: Neither are available.

Comments:

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[111] STEPANOV: Vice-Adm. G.A. STEPANOV.